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DATE: 10/13/2020

DOCKET #: 2020-753

Ashley Wimberley, Director Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

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Name: Jeffrey L. Gaudin

Address: 7577 Lillie Valley Drive, Gonzales, LA 70737

Office/Position: Ascension-St. James Airport and Transportation Authority

Dates of Service: 2017-2019

Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 3

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018

Report ID: PFD20001261 Original Due Date: 5/15/2019

NOD Received: 1/22/2020 - Jeffrey Gaudin PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD:1/31/2020

PFD/Answer Filed: 2/18/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$900

Days late from receipt of NOD: 18 Total days late from initial due date: 279 Late Fee Order Received: 8/14/2020

Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 9/3/2020

Waiver Request Received: 8/21/2020

COMMENTS:

Jeffrey Gaudin is requesting a waiver for filing his 2018 PFD late. Mr. Gaudin stated during the Covid-19 Pandemic he has been managing nine different businesses which he owns and operates; six being restaurants have continued to demand a large amount of his time during the pandemic. Mr. Gaudin stated that as the Treasurer of the St. James Airport and Transportation Authority, he should have submitted his disclosure on time, but it's his "fault" that he did not comply timely. He respectfully asks the Ethics Board to waive his late fee since his businesses have already lost money due to Covid-19 and the additional \$900 would impact him (businesses), as well as the staff he employs. This is Mr. Gaudin first late filing and first late fee.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: No
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

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August 20, 2020

I am writing in reference to the fine levied against me for not completing the Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2018 in a timely manner. During this pandemic, I was attending to the 9 different business entities that I own and operate on a daily basis. Six of them being restaurants continue to demand a lot of my time during the current pandemic. As the Treasurer of the Ascension – St. James Airport and Transportation Authority I should have submitted it on time, and that's my fault, I was 18 days late.

I'm respectfully asking that you completely waive this \$900 fine. The 6 restaurants all lost money during this pandemic so far, so adding a fine while I was trying to keep me afloat, and all my people employed would be a further difficulty on me. As a *volunteer* Treasurer, I had all I could handle at that time. If you need further information from me to validate any of the above stated items please reach out to me.

I can be reached at: 225-571-3597 on my cell phone. My home address is 7577 Lillie Valley Drive, Gonzales LA 70737.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey Gaudin